

TEACHERS DIED
AT THEIR POSTS.Unsanitary School Building
Blamed for Three
Deaths.

PUPILS ARE IN DANGER.

No. 44 Said to Be a
Menace to Children's
Health.

An alarming mortality list among the teachers in Public School No. 44, at Putnam and Throop avenues, Brooklyn, has incited many complaints against the alleged unsanitary condition of the building.

Within thirty days three teachers in this school have died.

Miss Elizabeth Barlow, of 386 Madison street, was the first to succumb. Her death was attributed to malaria, contracted during the vacation while she was at Norwalk, Conn.

The second death was that of Miss Anna H. Prescott, of 139 Bedford avenue. Her death was slowly followed by that of Miss Marie T. O'Flynn, of 12 Lafayette avenue.

In each instance it was officially denied that the cause of death was in any way attributable to typhoid fever, but the patrons of the school and those in the vicinity do not accept these denials as settling the reports.

It is claimed by some that there has been a veritable outbreak of typhoid fever among pupils and teachers, and that closing the school was seriously contemplated.

Mr. McAndrew, the principal of the school, gives official denial of these stories and of the statement that there are other cases of serious illness among pupils and teachers.

And yet the Health Department admitted to-day that during the last month eighteen cases of typhoid fever were reported from the Twenty-third Ward, in which School 44 is situated, and which ranks as one of the best residential districts of Brooklyn.

Up to Dec. 9 five new cases had developed in the same ward.

Ever since the school was built, a dozen years ago, there have been complaints of its unsanitary condition. The classroom where the smallest children are taught are several feet below the street level.

Principal McAndrew said that out of a total registration of 2,388 pupils, the absence for a week averaged 120, which was not below the average. The principal also said that the reports of the Department of Health sustained his statement that the three teachers who died within a month did not contract their illness at school.

OYSTER BAY MISSES TEDDY.

But After Congress Adjourns the
Family Will Return.Gov. Roosevelt will be in Oyster Bay
but little of the time from now until hisCANINE FIRE HERO GETS
IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL.Spot, the Mascot of Brooklyn
Firemen, Buried with
Pomp.

With honors and sorrow more genuine than often fall to the lot of a human being, Spot, the pet dog of Hook and Ladder Company No. 64, in Fifty-first street, near Fifth avenue, Brooklyn, was laid to rest to-day in the yard adjoining the engine house.

Spot was one of the characters of South Brooklyn. He had not missed a fire in three years. He was rescued from a burning building in Coney Island by Capt. James Langan, who appropriated him and made a fireman of him.

The dog grew up a member of No. 64 and lived and slept with the men, a companion of their leisure and a sharer in the perils of their employment. He died in the discharge of his duty as he saw it.

Spot took it upon himself to coach the green horses. When they joined the company he was at their heels on the way to every fire until they got up the required speed. He was at the heels of a new horse when he was kicked and killed outright in front of the home of

inauguration as Vice-President.

The funeral of the National Capital to-morrow for the exercises to commemorate Washington's centennial. It is understood that while the Vice-President-elect is in the Capital city he

his master, at 311 Fifty-first street. Spot knew the fireman's trade so well that at fire-drill he kept his eye on the new men and growl in derision when they were slow and awkward at handling the nozzles.

It was always first out of the house, day or night, at the sound of the gong. He kept watch with the night men and gave him opportunity for many a stolen wink, as his faithfulness and sagacity could be relied upon in case of need.

At the Bush warehouse fire last August Spot was detained from turning out with the company, but he ran to the fire, picked out No. 64 truck and then located the men of the company on the roof of the burning building, where he joined them and remained until they were forced to abandon the post. He climbed to the roof by the ladder, on which he was an expert.

He slept in the firehouse, but he boarded at Capt. Langan's and went home regularly at night. Sometimes, when he was not at the firehouse, he would be found about his neck, and in the same town and at the same time as the rest of the family.

Fireman Campbell, of No. 64, also lived with Capt. Langan's family, but he said Spot was the star boarder. "He had the run of the house," said Campbell, "and when his feet were wet he could go where he pleased, which was more than Mrs. Langan would allow me. But Spot never abused his privileges."

Spot is buried under the company's flagstaff, and over his grave is a headstone on which is carved: "Spot, a good dog and a good fireman."

FIRE FRIGHT
KILLS A CHILD.Little Girl's Clothes Ablaze
—Was Scared to
Death.

Lizzie Hoig, ten years old, of 413 Rivergreen avenue, Brooklyn, died early this morning. Death was due to the fright she received last Thursday, when her clothes caught fire and she was quickly scorched.

In the forenoon of Thursday the little girl was out walking. She passed a vacant lot near her home, where several small boys were playing round a blazing bonfire. Lizzie stopped to watch the fun. She ventured close to the fire.

A spark carried by the wind landed on her dress. It landed on her, but was quickly smothered by passers-by and the girl sustained only slight burns.

But she was frightened into hysterics. She was taken home, and it was thought that she would quickly recover.

The shock proved too great, however, and she died early this morning. She was frightened literally to death.

PROSPECT HALL BURNED.

Neighbors Near by Moved Their
Furniture to the Street.

Fire destroyed Prospect Hall, a seven-story brick building at Fifth and Prospect avenues, Brooklyn, early to-day, causing a loss of \$200,000. The destruction of a church and a large amount of adjoining property and caused great excitement among the residents of the neighborhood, who carried their household goods to the street.

John Koelle, the proprietor of Prospect Hall, is almost crazed by his loss and is under the care of two doctors.

John Koelle, his seventy-year-old son, who lives at 100 Prospect avenue, was overcome by the smoke, was carried out of the Koelle house, next door to the burning building, by his brother William.

At 3 A. M. Watchman John Quinn smelled smoke and discovered fire on the second floor. At the same time some one ran to the house of John Koelle, the proprietor at 200 Prospect avenue.

William Koelle, his son, ran into the hall with a patent fire extinguisher and saw the flames creeping up the rear wall of the recreation room. He tried to extinguish the fire but failed.

Quinn had sent in an alarm, but according to Mr. J. Leonard, who used to work in the hall it was fully ten minutes before the firemen reached the scene.

The hall was then ablaze. A second alarm was quickly turned in.

The smoke swept into the frame dwelling of the Koelles, and when William Koelle ran in to get the family out he found his brother John overcome by smoke in his room on the second floor. He carried him out and hurried his mother and the other brothers out and the boy soon recovered after he had been taken to a neighbor's house.

HAD BUNDLE
OF GOLD COINA Spaniard and Wife
Arrested on Landing
from Cuba.

When the British fruit steamship Athos, from West Indian ports, tied up at Pier 1 North River, to-day, she was hastily boarded by two Central Office detectives and two policemen, who arrested Jose Antonio Martinez, a Spaniard, and his wife, passengers from Port Limon, bound for Spain. The charge against the pair was robbery.

Detectives Mooney and Lawson, of Capt. McCluskey's staff, were at the pier all day yesterday, awaiting the arrival of the vessel. They reappeared early to-day in company with two policemen detailed from the Steamboat Squad.

As the Athos swung out her gangway Mooney and Lawson bounded up to run to the steamer's deck.

Capt. Lund was there to meet them and demanded to know their business. The detectives displayed their shields, and summoning the policemen, stationed them at the head of the gangway.

"Permit no one leave the vessel," were the orders of the detectives as they disappeared below in company with the Athos's first officer.

The detective looked over the list of cabin passengers and there found the names of Martinez and his wife, and he and his partner were promptly taken to the Spaniard's stateroom.

Had Gold All Packed.

Martinez and his wife had their baggage all packed, prepared to leave. "Wait a minute," said Mooney. "We'd like to have a little chat with you." The Spaniard shrugged his shoulders and pretended not to understand. The snipe officer quickly made known to him what the detectives said. The Spaniard turned almost white with fear as he reluctantly submitted to a search.

When Mooney and Lawson finished they had in their possession a large bag weighing perhaps twenty pounds, filled with gold coin and a number of valuable pearls.

The detectives informed Martinez that he was under arrest, and at once took him to Police Headquarters, where he was followed by his wife.

The ship's officers said the pair boarded the vessel at Port Limon on Dec. 3, and their tickets booked them through to Spain.

The arrest was ordered by Capt. McCluskey, who last Sunday received from Consul Guler at Panama this cablegram, sent by him for the Chief of Police, New York:

Per Athos from Limon will arrive on Sunday, man travelling assumed name of Jose Antonio Martinez, servant Josea Tavaris, absconded; watch the arrival of Athos.

At Headquarters the services of an

interpreter were secured. Martinez said he was forty years old, a merchant planter, born in Spain, his address before coming here was Costa Rica; that he had been travelling in South America, and was returning to Spain.

Martinez was searched and his baggage examined. On his person were found five drafts for an aggregate sum of \$322, one draft being for \$200.

In his baggage was found \$227 in Mexican coin, a large number of gold pieces,

and a circular descriptive of counterfeit gold coins. The gold pieces were of South American coinage, but the interpreter said they were not genuine.

The gold coins and the Mexican money were tied up in rolls and made a bundle weighing several pounds.

The woman was not arrested. She went to the Hotel American in Fourteenth street.

Martinez was arraigned in the United States District Court.

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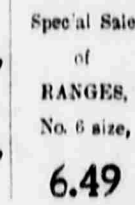
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